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SUBJ: BAKARIC INTERVIEW TO VJESNIK

1. SUMMARY: IN NOV 28 VJESNIK INTERVIEW, STATE PRESIDENCY MEMBER VLADIMIR BAKARIC ASSESSED EXTREMIST ACTIVITY AGAINST YUGOSLAVIA IN CONTEXT OF OPPOSITION TO NON-ALIGNMENT. HE ALSO TOUCHED ON ORIGINS OF NON-ALIGNMENT POLICY AND RECENT MARCHAIS CONTROVERSY. END SUMMARY

2. IN INTERVIEW, RELEASED BY TANJUG NOV 27 BUT EMBARGOED 1800 GMT, BAKARIC DESCRIBED YUGOSLAVI SOCIETY AS STABLE, IN SPITE OF PROBLEMS WITH INFLATION AND INSOLVENCY. BUT REACTION FROM ABORAD INDICATES OUTSIDE DISBELIEF IN STABILITY, "AND... DIFFERENT PARTIES ARE TESTING HOW STABLE WE ARE, AND...TRYING TO SEE...WHAT IS GOING TO HAPPEN 'TOMORROW' SINCE THEY ARE COUNTING ON SOME UNSTABLE TOMORROW." (COMMENT: THIS IS ONE OF THE RARE REFERENCES TO THE POST-TITO PERIOD.)

3. SPECIFICALLY TURING TO RECENT TERRORIST ACTIVITY, BAKARIC NOTED EXISTENCE, IN SPITE OF STATEMENTS AFFIRMING GREAT POWER INTEREST IN YUGOSLAV INDEPENDENCE, OF "CERTAIN CIRCLES" OPPOSED TO INDEPENDENT AND NONALIGNED YUGOSLAVIA. THESE CIRCLES ARE "EXERCISING PRESSURE LEFT AND RIGHT ON THEIR OWN GOVERNMENTS

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AND OTHERS IN ORDER TO EXERCISE PRESSURE ON US." ASSESSING STRATEGY

OF TERRORISM IN CONTEXT OF OPPOSITION TO NONALIGNED, BAKARIC ASSERTED "IT IS OUR TURN NOW, NOT TO BE ATTACKED, SINCE THIS WOULD BE VERY DANGEROUS AND RISKY, BUT TO DO HARM TO OUR REPUTATION..

AND TO OCCUPY US WITH OUR INTERNAL PROBLEM IN ORDER TO FORCE US TO REDUCE (OUR ACTIVITY WITH THE NONALIGNED) WHICH IS A THORN IN THEIR SIDE." HE DESCRIBED YUGOSLAVIA AS "ONE OF THE STEADY ELEMENTS OF NON-ALIGNMENT", THE BLACKENING OF WHICH WOULD SLOW THE NON-ALIGNED MOVEMENT.

4. BAKARIC CHARACTERIZED TERRORISTS AS "PURE MERCENARIES" MOTIVATED BY FOREIGN POLITICAL MOVEMENTS NOT SUPPORTED BY THE YUGOSLAV INTERNAL SITUATION.

5. REFERENCE ESTABLISHMENT OF POLICY OF NON-ALIGNMENT, HE EVALUATED INFLUENCE OF BLOC SYSTEM AFTER SECOND WORLD WAR AS ALMOST TOTAL, NOTING THAT UN INCLUDED ONLY THREE ENTIRELY INDEPENDENT COUNTRIES IN 1948: UNITED STATES, SOVIET UNION, AND YUGOSLAVIA.

6. REFERRING TO RECENT CONTROVERSY WITH FRENCH COMMUNIST LEADER, BAKARIC COMMENTED THAT "FRENCH COMMUNIST PARTY IS NOT INFORMED ABOUT OUR ENDEAVOURS AT ALL." HIS SUBSEQUENT REMARKS APPEAR TO EVALUATE FRENCH SOCIALISTS AS CLOSER TO YUGOSLAV-STYLE SELF-MANAGEMENT SYSTEM THAN FRENCH COMMUNISTS.  
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